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Principal J. W. O'Brien today issued the following statement:

I have returned to the University from the annual meeting of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada now being held in Ottawa because I believe that the publication in The Paper of November 3 of a cartoon that is now the subject of charges under the Code of Student Behaviour has created a situation which requires my presence on campus.

I wish to reiterate that under no circumstances will Sir George Williams University tolerate the practice of racism.

Charges arising from the publication of the cartoon have been laid under the Code of Student Behaviour. The University is making arrangements for them to be processed with all due haste within the procedures that have been laid down. The Code is part of the rules and regulations of this community, and it is vital that we live by it and respect it.

The situation created by publication of the cartoon has brought to light an unsatisfactory relationship between the Evening Students' Association and The Paper. When it was published, the Acting President of the ESA stated that he was powerless to take action, invoking a written agreement between the ESA and Wayne Gray, editor and publisher of The Paper. The ESA must accept responsibility for, and exercise authority over, any publication issued under its auspices.

Until the elected representatives of the evening students accept such responsibility and authority with regard to The Paper its further publication will not be permitted at Sir George Williams University. I have therefore appointed Clair Callaghan, Chairman of the University Council on Student Life, Magnus Flynn, Dean of Students, and Michael Sheldon, Assistant to the Principal, to meet with the Acting President of the ESA to receive and consider any ESA recommendations for the resolution of this problem.